

REMARKS

Claims 10-19, 48 and 60-62 are cancelled without prejudice in order to accelerate the prosecution of the application. Applicants reserve the rights to present the canceled claims in one or more continuation applications.

The amended Claim 26 is supported by, for example, Section III of the application and Claims 29 and 31. The amended Claim 28 is supported by, for example, Section III of the application and Claims 30 and 32. Applicants also reserve the rights to present the unamended Claims 26 and 28 in one or more continuation applications.

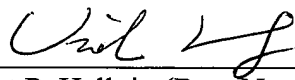
No new matter is added in any of the above amendment. The Examiner is requested to enter the Amendment.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that the application is in good and proper condition for allowance. Early notification of allowance is earnestly solicited. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: April 1, 2004



Albert P. Halluin (Reg. No. 25,227)
Viola T. Kung (Reg. No. 41,131)

HOWREY SIMON ARNOLD & WHITE, LLP
301 Ravenswood Avenue
Box 34
Menlo Park, CA 94025
Ph. (650) 463-8109
Ph. (650) 463-8181